

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

Totomoi Taps Four Boys

The highest honor that can be bestowed on a boy at MBA is his being elected to the Totomoi Society, the school's honorary leadership fraternity. Only after distinguishing himself in all of the school's activities can anyone be considered for membership in this organization. Therefore, it is the great pleasure of the Totomoi Society to announce its new members—Emmett Dozier, Walter Bearden, Wade Elam, and Ransom White. Tapped in a ceremony Monday morning, December 3, these four were hailed by the student body for their accomplishments. Each was brought before the assembled students, greeted by the president of Totomoi, Brad Reed, and given his Key of membership.

Wade has minored in athletics, winning two varsity letters and a junior varsity letter in football. His scholarship excels and he is a member of the Senior Honor society. He has been a member of both the Student Council and the Honor Council; the latter he served as vice-president. He is secretary of the Key Club and Hi-Y Club and serves as vice-president of the Forensic Club. Wade has given his time and talents for two years to the Freedom Forum and has been one of MBA's delegates to Youth in Government.

Ransom, whose major is scholarship, has won medals from both the Speech and Physics Departments. He has held a steady average above 90 during his four years. Athletically, Ransom is recognized as a key man on any team. He has two varsity football letters, a junior varsity letter, and two track letters. He is a member of both the Hi-Y Club and Key Club. As a sophomore and junior, he sang bass in the Glee Club. This year he is secretary-treasurer of the Forensic Club and a member of the Freedom Forum. Emmett, who minored in athletics, has won two varsity football letters, a junior varsity letter, and was elected captain of the JV in his sophomore year. He has also maintained the highest scholastic average in his class, being of course a member of the Senior Honor Society. Also, four class medals now rest in the Dozier trophy case. Always well liked by everyone in the school, he has been elected president of his Freshman Class, and vice-president of his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Classes. Many offices in the school's organizations are also to Emmett's credit.

Walter, assistant editor of The BELL RINGER and member of The BELL Staff has especially distinguished himself during his four years on the hill by his literary accomplishments. In scholarship, one of his minors, he has maintained an average above 90 since his freshman year. He is a member of the Key Club, the Hi-Y Club, and the Forensic Club. As a member of the Freedom Forum, he has shown his assertive leadership and positive ideals.

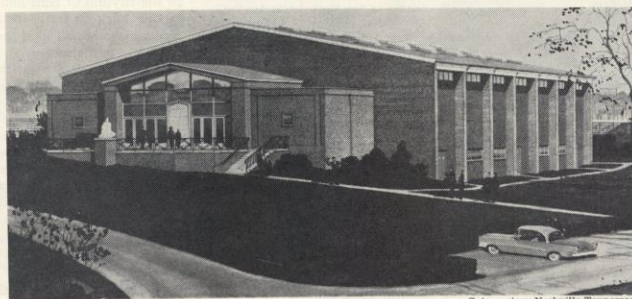
These boys are to be congratulated on their achievements.

Dr. R. L. Sager Attends Meetings

Dr. R. L. Sager recently returned from Dallas, Texas, where he attended the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Independent Schools, of which he is a past president. Dr. Sager is currently a member of the executive committee of the association. While in Dallas he also attended the three day meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and took part in a panel discussion of "Merit Raises for Teachers."

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Work Progresses on New Currey Gymnasium

Our new gym, on which work is now steadily progressing, is soon to become a reality! With construction under way, there is a possibility that it will be completed in time for the commencement exercises of this year's Senior Class.

To be named the Brownlee O. Currey Memorial Gymnasium, in honor of the late Nashville financier who was an active MBA patron for many years, the fine new

structure will cost approximately \$235,000. Erection of the gym is in charge of the J. A. Jones Construction Company. A stone plaque memorializing Mr. Currey will be located at the entrance to the gym.

The modern building will have two cross-courts for practice purposes in addition to the regular length-wise court for games. The cross-court goals will be of the retractable type. There will be seating accommodations for two thousand people, a vast improvement over the capacity of the present gym. A concession stand, trophy room, and ticket booth will be located in the lobby. The downstairs will include shower and locker rooms for both teams in addition to an equipment room and coach's office. A modern new science laboratory, will also be

housed in the downstairs section of the gym. The main floor of the new gym will be lighted by dome skylights. Brush, Hutchinson, & Gwin are architects for the project.

The students, faculty, alumni, and all patrons of MBA will be forever indebted to the members of the building committee, Mr. Tom Sneed, chairman, Mr. Storton Oman, Mr. Brownlee O. Currey, Jr., Mr. John Sloan, and Dr. Thomas Frist, who have given their time and efforts in order to make this new gym evolve from a dream into blueprints and then into reality.

The new gym and the other numerous improvements that are being contemplated for the present buildings are being made possible by those vitally interested in MBA and in every ideal that MBA stands for so that the school will continue to maintain its high prestige and excellent reputation among the prep schools of the South and of the country. These new improvements will enable MBA to continue to extend its fine opportunities for learning to the people of Nashville and surrounding areas and insure even greater success in the years to come.

Clubs Promote Spirit Of the Christmas Season

Each year at this time when the brightness of the air and the red and green decorations remind us that another Christmas season is fast approaching, the clubs at MBA sponsor various activities to promote the spirit of the season.

This year the Forensic Club is presenting two Christmas programs in assembly. The first program which was presented yesterday follows: Scripture Reading—Eddie Benson Poem—"The Inn That Missed Its Chance"—Robert White Christmas Story—"The Affairs At the Inn"—Ira Parker Prayer—John Brothers The second program, to be given December 19, will be: Scripture Reading—Runcie Clements "Keeping Christmas" by Van Dyke—Ben Mayes Christmas Carols Christmas Story—"The Littlest Angel"—Frank Crowell Christmas Carols Prayer—Tom Husband

Hi-Y Plans Baskets

Following the example set by last year's club, the Hi-Y will again send baskets of joy to needy families. The baskets will contain enough food to make a hearty Christmas dinner for a family. They will be arranged and distributed during the Christmas holidays by members of the Hi-Y Club with the assistance of a few local organizations. The club members say that by giving these baskets they see how much more blessed it is to give than to receive.

Premium Placed On Scholarship

Why do we go to school? Perhaps many of us attend school because we are required to do so by law until we reach seventeen years of age. Some of us attend because of athletic opportunities or to be with friends or for some other remote reason. It is probable that many of us think of school as a drudgery that must be endured until we reach manhood.

But wait! How many of us stop to consider whether we would go to school if the law didn't require it? Our first impulse might be "no, of course not." But after sufficient reflection on all the ramifications of the question, most of us would realize that without a self-imposed education we would in all probability be total failures in later life.

Since education is so vital to life, students who excel in their school work will usually become successes in the business world. At MBA we are often inclined to pass off scholarship and ability to learn as being inherent in a person. This may be true to some extent, but many boys at MBA who have reached the top of their classes have achieved their enviable positions through honest toil and effort more than anything else.

Obtaining an education is the primary reason for attending school, and the boys who have persevered scholastically deserve more recognition than they receive. An admirable total of seventy boys have made both privilege lists for the first two six weeks periods. Twenty-four boys have averaged 90 or above in all their subjects this year. They include: Senior Class—John Brothers, Brad Reed, George Sloan, Jim Wood; Junior Class—Ed Crough, Tony Edmonds, Ben Mayes, Tommy Murphree, Ira Parker; Freshman Class—Dick Barry, Ray Estes, Willie Harrison, Jack McClelland, Craig Nielson, Wilson Prueher, Sam Robertson, Paul Simpson, Jeff Williams, John Witherspoon, Bobby Wood; Eighth Grade—Bob Evans, David Walker, Chris Williams, David Wilson. These boys deserve praise for their excellent work. They are giving fine scholarship the recognition it merits.

Seniors Take NROTC Examinations

The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps examinations were given at Isaac Litton High School on December 8. They were taken by the following seniors: Gene Shelton, Rollin Lasseter, Allen Bryan, Tommy Barksdale, George Sloan, Wade Elam, Jodie Wallace, Doug Conwell, Russell Hooper, Ronnie Grubbs, Courtney Marshall, Bowyer Cheshire, and Jim Wood.

These examinations were in the form of aptitude tests. Their purpose is to find out which boys are best qualified for a naval career. Those who pass the aptitude tests will have to take a stiff physical examination and go through several interviews.

The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) was established in 1926 for the purpose of offering to certain college students and high schools seniors planning to attend college the necessary Naval Science courses required to qualify them for commissions in the Naval Reserve upon graduation. The mission of the NROTC was greatly expanded in 1946 to include the training of career officers for the regular Navy. The regular NROTC program is designed to offer a college education to a select group of high school graduates, and an eventual career in the regular Navy.

Bell Staff Members Announced

When our days at MBA have long since become a thing of the past and we feel an acute longing to revive memories of our days on the hill, we will take our annual of the shelf, dust it once or twice, and leaf through its pages in reminiscence. Therefore we will want our annual to be as interesting as possible for our recollections.

Mr. Albert Bachleda, faculty sponsor for The BELL, has announced a staff that he feels will be fully capable of turning out such an annual. The staff is as follows:

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The Rebel Yells

by Col. Russ Hooper

All the boys in school were happy to see work begin on the new gym. Many boys have been helping clear the foundation by throwing mud balls and rocks at each other. Let's give a big Rebel yell for all these contractor's little helpers.

Over the Thanksgiving holidays many MBA boys traveled over the countryside to visit kintfolk. Among these travelers were Howard Dickinson, who went to North Carolina to visit his brother Joe, an MBA alumnus. Chip Hutchinson and Alex Porter journeyed to New Orleans where they strolled down Bourbon Street and caught up on a little fishing. Jody Therrell and his family ventured to the warm climate of Mississippi to visit his aunts and uncles. John Clay, not to be outdone, went to Chicago, the windy city. Richard Appen, fresh from a Caribbean cruise, took off again to New England.

The BELL RINGER staff sincerely thanks the Forensic Club for bringing guest speakers to assembly: Dr. Wayne Braden of Vine Street Christian Church, Father Morgan, pastor of St. Henry's Catholic Church; and Rev. Paul Moehlman, pastor of the Westminster House of Vanderbilt, Peabody, Seacrest.

After many weeks of extensive inquiry, cross-examination, and third degrees, the rock on the study hall desk was found to be one of Carl Hoffer's geometric figures.

Mr. Rule seems to have a sixth sense. Each week in his Ruleken-house Ratings he predicted the football scores almost point for point. How about it, Mr. Rule, who is your tip-off man?

Congratulations to the two sophomores who lettered on the varsity football team. We'll be expecting to see more of Billy Crawford and Dick Husband next year.

During the Clinic Bowl game Jud Harwood, Tony Scoville, and Douglas Love, finding the weather rather brisk, built a fire in the gymnasium to drive away the cold. Different, isn't it?

Congratulations to Ronnie Grubbs, Don Brothers, and Tom Husband who made the All-City football team.

George McGugin claims his greatest sports thrill came in the Clinic Bowl when Larry Mayhugh ran over him.

All the boys in school hope that Babydoll and Gleam, who were injured in football, recuperate quickly.

Jerry Smith and Steve Garrett are planning trips over the Christmas holidays. Jerry is going to Alabama, and Steve plans to visit in Chicago.

On one of Wylie McDougall's many hunting trips, he discovered that no matter how cold the weather is, it can always be colder if you get water in your hip boots.

Recently elected captain of basketball team, Courtney Marshall, is glad to leave his wire brush and towel forever.

Until next issue let's give a big Rebel yell for all members of the football team who did such a wonderful job this year.

Winter Comes To The City

R. A. L., III

People shuffle through the streets, shivering,
Listening to the angry blasts of car horns
Sounding their displeasure at being delayed.
A piece of green tinsel falls to the sidewalk
From a tired tree in premature Christmas ornaments.
A small boy, muffled in plaid woolens,
Grabs at the tinsel as his mother jerks him along.
"Do you or don't you want to see Santa?"
Two teen-age girls shake their blonde pony-tails
To the rhythm of oohs and ahs over furs
In Chayburkes' pastel-trimmed Christmas window.
Carols blare out of loud-speakers—
Much to the distaste of an old pidgeon
Who huddles for warmth on the ledge above.
Winds blow up Union Street, ruffling
The awnings on book store windows.
A beggar gathers his rags about the stub
Of his leg and slaps his black skin for warmth.
Sand, blowing up from the yards along the river,
Spits in his eyes and forces him to duck
His head into his mackinaw, a turtle
He seems in the distance to my glance.
I stand, wondering at winter,
Then buy my gifts and catch a bus
To home and warmth.

The Difference Is The School

by Emmett Dozier

Since I lived in East Nashville, I learned very early the name Montgomery Bell Academy. I learned of it, however, not as an educational institution, but as a football rival. Truly, my interest in this school had its beginning in a football stadium. Perhaps because all my friends and even my father, a graduate of Litton, had no warm feelings toward the Maroons or perhaps simply for the sake of argument, I became a supporter of the opposition. Thus, from early childhood my ambition was to attend Montgomery Bell Academy.

Upon entering, I was quick to see that playing football was not the most important thing at MBA. Indeed, here my sense of honor was nourished and developed by such an organization as the Honor Society. Honor was indeed so stressed that now I began to realize the extreme importance of various kinds of honesty: honesty in schoolwork, honesty in sports, and honesty in life. Furthermore, the need for honesty in daily living was brought out by this statement placed before me constantly: "When you do a thing, don't cheat yourself; give it all you have."

Secondly, I soon realized I was to act like a gentleman. I knew what was expected and learned to accept it. With the compliments I received, my pride was well rewarded; hence, I learned that good behavior is something of which to be proud.

Another part of the good training stressed at MBA is preparation for college. Preparing me for college, the teachers taught me how to study and how to accomplish the most from my efforts. They gave me also an idea as to what college instructors expect and just exactly how much work I must do.

In the fourth place, I was thrown with a group of boys that I, even if given a choice, would have selected as friends. It is true that the friends a person has make a decided difference in him, and I have made, through this school, the friends I hope to have throughout life. My friends like to have fun, surely, but it is the right kind of fun: parties, hay-rides, picnics, football games, and every now and then a little mischief—nothing very harmful, however. On the other hand, they know how to be serious, as in Honor Council meetings, or in the locker room before the football games when we say the "Lord's Prayer."

Montgomery Bell Academy, with its constant stress of work and of knowing that for which you are working, has given me the initiative to select my life's work and to begin right now working toward a goal. The impressions MBA has left on me are many and lasting. In summary, there is, first of all, honesty. If something is not really mine, I had rather not have it. But if it is mine, I am very proud of it. Second, comes fair play. I have been taught to put my heart into a thing and not to cheat anyone or myself. "You only get from a thing what you put into it" is a motto for the classroom as well as on the football field. Third, one feels a sense of loyalty. I got my first taste of loyalty at Montgomery Bell Academy: from the start I was loyal to our football team, and that loyalty has spread into other phases of my life. I may be able to criticize MBA, but let no one else do so. Next, comes friendship. I have learned not only the value of having friends but also the value of being a friend to others. A very important thing in life is friendship. Finally, MBA has given me the desire to do something with my life, to set my goals high and to work hard and persistently at my chosen vocation. I say again, "The difference is the school."

The Christmas Spirit

What is Christmas? Is it the smell of fresh-cut cedar trees? Is it the mistletoe over the threshold or the wreath on the front door? Or is it perhaps the spicy eggnog, the nipping air, or the hurried struggle of last minute Christmas shoppers? It is all of these, but it is more. It is the candlelight service on Christmas Eve, the nativity scene at the park, the story of the birth of Jesus being read to the family before bedtime. For in the story of Jesus and in his statement "It is more blessed to give than to receive" lies the Christmas spirit. You see, Christmas is everything good. It is the time of year when we make others, as well as ourselves, happy by giving. And the giving of material things, with which we usually associate Christmas, is only a small part of the real spirit of giving.

Yes, the turkey dinners, the story of the old tightwad Scrooge, the angel atop the glittering tree, the happiness of rosy-cheeked children exploring their stockings, and the very smell of the air itself are all a part of Christmas—as long as we do not forget for whom Christmas is named.

Deacon's Dissertations

R. A. L., III

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." St. Luke 2:14.

As we approach once again the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we cannot help but remember the song of the angels on that great day, two thousand years past. Yet we wonder, as we think on the words, whence comes that peace to the bodies of men as well as to their minds? We see in all our papers headline stories of the atrocities committed on an innocent people as the Red butchers devastate another nation. While we look at the beautiful Christmas decorations in our city streets, we cannot help but think that the only decorations in Budapest are the bodies of freedom-fighters hanging on the Danube bridges. Not a very Christmas-like thought is it? The Yule spirit is somewhat dampened, yes; but in Hungary there is no Yule nor was there a Thanksgiving. There was only terror, and death.

The histories show us that the Hungarians have always been forced to fight for their freedom as their rich plains tempted a long succession of conquerors. German, Turk, Austrian, Russian—all have tried to break the spirit of the proud Magyar. But the more the conqueror has stamped on it, the more the spirit of freedom has burned in the hearts of the Hungarians. They, like the English peoples, have loved their liberty and have rejected the rule of tyrants with bloody rebellions.

Yes, the spirit of Christmas will be lacking in Budapest this year, and the songs of joy will be drowned by the cries of mourning. But the Hungarians will have given themselves the most precious Christmas gift of all—a taste of freedom.

We of America, who have never known anything but our freedom, should rejoice that we may celebrate the birth of Christ without the intrusion of a secret police patrol or a drunk, armed soldier intent on pilfering anything within sight. This can not be anything but a sober Christmas for the free world, but perhaps we will have the opportunity to give a true thanks to God for His gifts to us. For it was only through the coming of His Son that man gained dignity as an individual and with that dignity, the right to be free.

Big Red Conquers Litton, Captures AAA Football Crown

Led by a mighty line that is perhaps the best in the school's history, MBA's powerful juggernaut convincingly whipped Litton 20-7 on November 9. The memorable victory gave MBA undisputed possession of the AAA crown, breaking the co-ownership with Litton. Played before 7,000 fans on Litton's Hume give a precise exhibition of well coordinated teamwork as the Big Red vanquished its long-time rival.

Early in the first quarter Cecil Ewell of Litton broke over guard for a 65 yard jaunt to pay dirt, and the Lions were momentarily in the lead 7-0. Early in the second quarter the Maroons took a Litton punt and drove over the double stripe, led by the splendid running of Ed Creagh and Tommy Murphree and the hard-charging MBA line. The score stood 7-6 after MBA missed the extra, but when Litton drew a blank on their own 46, Murphree took over and flipped a pass to Jim Thurman who outmaneuvered Ewell and dashed over the goal, making the score 13 to 7. Moments later time ran out as Murphree scored, but the play was nullified by a penalty.

Maroons Defeat Hillsboro 40-7

Before a large Homecoming crowd at Frank Andrews field, MBA's powerful offense and hard-rock defense spoiled upset hopes of neighbor Hillsboro in a flurry of touchdowns 40-7. The Maroons started out impressively and kept Maroon defenders on their toes in the first half, but the Maroons reached into their bag of tricks and took over completely in the second half. The Burros saw Red all night, as they had two punts blocked by big end Tom Husband, one for a safety, and were torn up defensively by the brilliant running of Buddy Foxall and the passer-receiver combination of Murphree to Duke.

After a scoreless first quarter, MBA took advantage of a blocked punt and Grubbs fell on the ball for a safety. When the Burros kicked off, Foxall took over and after a couple of plays ran into the end zone. Then the Burros tried to make a game of it and on the next set of downs outpaw "Otto" Abernathy flipped one 35 yards to All-City end Bob Mullen who ran over the double stripe. But that was the last time the Burros even got close to the MBA goal. With 20 seconds left in the half Tommy Murphree heaved a long one to Dave Duke who danced over the goal, and the score was 16-7.

MBA's superior football skill came through in the second half, and they scored twice in each quarter on jaunts of 8 yards by Foxall, 11 by Billy Crawford, a 50 yard pass via Murphree-Duke, and a one yard buck by Tony Brush.

Due to the hard hitting of Maroon linemen the Burros couldn't keep control of the ball and lost it on fumbles, one setting up the sixth MBA tally.

John Westenberger was a stand-out in the Burro line, but he was overshadowed by the splendid work of the Big Red defense men. In addition to Husband and Grubbs, John Muse, Don Brothers, and Buddy Skinner made things unpleasant for the Burros all night.

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The second half was all MBA. The effective Maroon defense wouldn't let the Lions even get in scoring position. Then Billy Crawford took over and tore up the one yard line and Murphree sneaked over. The point was good and MBA came out the victor 20-7.

The win sent the Maroons to their third straight Clinic Bowl and gave them solitary possession of the coveted AAA crown.

Clinic Bowl MBA 0, Springfield 0

The famed MBA touchdown potential, which usually runs high, was held scoreless Thanksgiving Day, but the even more famous Maroons stonewall defense was up to its old tricks as they held the Yellow Jackets from Springfield to a stalemate before 10,000 freezing fans at Dudley field. The football game marked the seventh annual Clinic Bowl and the fourth time MBA had a hand in affairs.

The Big Red whipped the Jackets 20-13 in regular season play but the Clinic Bowl "rematch jinx" was on during the game.

Both teams were within the 10 yard line twice and had good chances to score but brilliant defense strength made it impossible. MBA started with the ball deep in its own territory and drove out twice, but later in the first half a series of fumbles took away their scoring opportunity. In the meantime Springfield drove to the MBA one, led by big fullback Larry Mayhugh, but they were held without scoring on four plays and MBA took over.

MBA's famous second half surge looked like it was starting as the Maroons, led by the passing of Tommy Murphree and the running of Hunter and Crawford, drove to the Springfield 8 after taking the kick-off, but were stopped on fourth down and four. Again Springfield threatened but they too were stopped by the splendid line play of Bill Barr, John Murphree, Don Brothers and Ronnie Grubbs. The game ended with the Maroons ready to score on the Springfield 4, but time had run out and the record books left it 0-0.

Grubbs and Mayhugh were given the "most outstanding player" awards and at the half JCC officials crowned MBA queen Peggy Edge of Hillsboro and Julia Ann Smith of Springfield to reign over the Clinic Bowl. The game was played for a fine cause as the proceeds were given to the Vanderbilt Hospital Physical and Occupational Therapy Clinic.

New Freshman Team Plays Basketball

This is the first year for MBA to field a freshman team. Formerly freshmen were included on the junior varsity but this year a separate team has been organized. Coached by Hank Duvier, the team lost its first game to Waverly-Belmont by a 50 to 44 count. Waverly-Belmont took a 30-12 halftime lead, but MBA came roaring back in the second stanza to almost close the gap.

The boys on the squad are Mike Thompson, Reau Estes, Milton Smith, Craig Neilson, Buddy Cafetky, Eslek Daniel, Wilson Prueher, Alex Palmer, Sam Glasgow,

Maroon High Lights

by Brad Reed

There are high hopes here on the hill for having another excellent basketball team. Returning from last year's varsity which was edged out of the Nashville Inter-scholastic League title are Buddy Foxall, Courtney Marshall, Billy Hunter, and Jodie Wallace. To these have been added a group of stars who have graduated from the Junior Varsity.

This year's club is faced with the same situation as that of the teams of the past three years. Because of a postseason football game, the teams have had a very slow start, but have come to top form toward the end of each season. We all hope that this year's team will get off to a fast start in spite of this handicap.

Lack of height will not be as great a problem as in former years, although the team has no rebounding giant. All the members of the starting five have the capability of taking the ball off the boards. The strength of the team seems to lie in a steady floor game and excellent shooting, of which all the starters are capable.

This year's team to beat in the 18th district is West. The Blue Jays have four returning from last year's starting team. The Maroons meet them on 3 occasions and, if the Big Red has rounded into form by then, the games will be some of the top games of the NIL season.

Five Seniors Receive All-AAA Grid Honors

When the sports writers of Nashville newspapers selected the NIL all-AAA team for 1956, Maroons dominated the picture. Five senior linemen were on one or both of the All-Class AAA teams, two other players were named to the second team, and eight Maroons received honorable mention.

All AAA choices were these: Tom Husband—185 pound end, who last year was All-City as a junior and whose brilliant defensive play boxed in opposing offenses all season.

Don Brothers—180 pound tackle and captain of the Maroons. Don opened up holes for MBA backs and stopped the opposition successfully.

Ronnie Grubbs—165, pound defensive line-backer, offensive guard, punt-blocker, play-crusher deluxe.

Buddy Skinner—172 pound guard whose agility and keen football intelligence enabled him to diagnose plays and to be prepared to meet the opposing ball carrier.

Johnny Murphree—185 pound tackle and alternate captain whose ability and experience made him a most feared lineman in NIL circles.

Second team: Center John Muse and Fullback—Billy Crawford.

Honorable mention: Ends—David Duke and Bowyer Cheshire; Tackle—Bill Barr; Guard—Wade Elam; Backs—Billy Hunter; Buddy Foxall; Ed Creagh and Tommy Murphree.

Of these boys Tom Husband, Ronnie Grubbs, and Don Brothers were named to the All-City team.

Willie Hardison, Allen Wallace, Paul Simpson, Billy Cunningham, Lewis Dale, Bobby Frist, Frank Cherry, Mike Sheffey.

The 1956-57 schedule is:

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov. 28	Wav.-Bel.	Wav.-Bel.
Dec. 4	Donelson	MBA
Dec. 11	Hillsboro	Hillsboro
Dec. 13	Bellevue	Bellevue
Dec. 18	Bellevue	MBA
Dec. 22	East "B" Team	MBA
Dec. 29	Wav.-Bel.	MBA
Jan. 4	Hillsboro	MBA
Jan. 8	T.P.S.	T.P.S.
Jan. 15	Donelson	Donelson
Jan. 27	T.P.S.	T.P.S.
Jan. 28	East "B" Team	MBA

MBA Basketball Season Begins



The varsity basketball squad pictured above is composed of: (front row) Jimmy Knight, Billy Hunter, John Dale, Ed Creagh, John Campbell, Billy Gerald; (back row) Tommy Murphree, Buddy Foxall, David Duke, Jodie Wallace, Courtney Marshall (captain), and Dick Williams.

Varsity Wins Opener

The fine playing of Billy Hunter and Courtney Marshall paced MBA to a thrilling 45 to 43 win over a scrapping Clarksville team. It was a sweet victory for the Maroons, as they won their season's opener after only four days of basketball practice.

MBA, leading only 11 to 6 at the end of the first quarter, picked up steam and began rolling toward the end of the second quarter. As the teams left the floor at the end of the first half MBA was leading by 8 points, 27 to 19.

Neither team showed brilliance during the third quarter, at the end of which the score stood 33 to 24 in favor of MBA. Both teams made numerous floor mistakes and at times looked very ragged in their shooting from the field. Clarksville quickly closed the gap in the final period but time ran out and the game ended with MBA on top 45-43.

Microbes Win First

The Microbes got off to a good start by winning their first game of the season on November 21, defeating the Peabody Tigers 21 to 12.

With Mr. Albert Bachleda as coach, the Microbes expect to compile one of their best records. The boys on this year's squad are Bill Shwab, Walter Hale, Steve Ward, Tony Todd, Chris Williams, Howard Dickinson, John Myhr, Ira Reese, Charlie Ransom, Bill Cheek, David Walker, Pat Wilson, and Wilson Wattenberger. Bob Evans is manager, and his assistant is Bill Cochran.

The 1956-57 schedule is:

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Nov. 21	Peabody	4:30	Peabody
Nov. 30	Parmer	3:15	MBA
Dec. 7	Julia Green	3:45	Peabody
Dec. 14	Glendale	3:15	MBA
Dec. 19	Hill	3:45	Peabody
Jan. 4	R'tson Ac'd.	3:15	MBA
Jan. 11	Burton	3:45	Peabody
Jan. 18	Stokes	3:15	MBA
Jan. 25	Woodmont	3:45	Peabody

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Varsity and JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov. 30	Clarksville	Clarksville
Dec. 4	T.P.S.	T.P.S.
Dec. 7	Howard	Howard
Dec. 11	Cohn	Cohn
Dec. 13	Ryan	Ryan
Dec. 16	West	West
Jan. 3	West	West
Jan. 4	Lipscomb	MBA
Jan. 8	North	North
Jan. 11	Peabody	MBA
Jan. 15	Cohn	MBA
Jan. 18	Hillsboro	Hillsboro
Jan. 22	Open	
Jan. 25	Ryan	MBA
Jan. 29	North	MBA
Feb. 1	West	MBA
Feb. 5	Open	
Feb. 8	Lipscomb	Lipscomb
Feb. 12	Howard	Howard
Feb. 15	T.P.S.	MBA
Feb. 19	Open	
Feb. 22	Open	

JV Loses Game To Clarksville

The Maroon JV lost its first game to the Clarksville JV Wildcats, 61-58. In the hard fought defeat MBA was edged out by a last minute Clarksville comeback. At half-time the score stood 32-23 in favor of MBA, but Clarksville came back in the second half with a number of fast breaks and some deadly foul shooting to wrap up the victory. The high scorer of the night was John Clay with 17 points. Other MBA scores were Murrey 16, Husband 8, Appen 5, Sloan 4, Creagh 2, Grant 2, Babb 2, and Wood 2.

The Junior Varsity squad, coached by Hank Duvier, is composed of these boys: John Clay, Jackie Hooper, Chuck Chumbley, Bullets Gillespie, Carl Babb, Eddie Murrey, Richard Appen, George Creagh, Dick Husband, Frank Cherry, Bobby Frist, Mike Sheffey, Tommy Sloan, Eddie Grant, Billy Wood, Bobby Raiford.

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Interesting Hobbies Spotlighted This Month

Many interesting and fascinating hobbies occupy the leisure time of a number of our students. Of particular interest are the hobbies of several boys who raise fish, train horses, make models, and have various collections.

One of the most fascinating hobbies a person may have is one dealing with nature. Edgar Uden's snake collection fits well into this category. Although he has been collecting snakes for only two years, he has already won a first place ribbon in his particular division in the Boys' Hobby Fair. He has about twenty-five snakes in his collection at present, but he is always on the lookout for more. These snakes are kept in alcohol, by which they are preserved in such a state that they seem almost life-like.

Albert Wheeler trains horses. He became interested in these equine friends at camp one summer and has been working with them ever since. At the present Albert has two horses, Belldame and Don Diablo. Belldame's training is complete and is for sale. Albert is still training Don Diablo.

The primary purpose of hobbies, of course, is to give pleasure; but often a hobby may lead to the vocation of someone. Kent Hamilton has been drawing pictures of automobiles for six or seven years. Through these drawings he has found a genuine interest in automobile designing. This year he is planning to carve a wooden model of an automobile of his own design and enter it in the annual Fisher Body contest sponsored by General Motors. If he is successful in this, he will probably make automobile designing his life work.

Fred Wright is collector of war relics. Although Fred has just been collecting about a year, he already has such items as machine gun bullets, bayonets, a Japanese rifle, and an Italian rifle. Fred became interested in this when a friend gave him the Japanese rifle. He plans to buy another rifle and a pistol dating from the 1700's soon. Not only does Fred collect war relics, but he also has a large stamp collection.

John Franklin has a large collection of guns which he enjoys very much. Most of these have been in his family for years and were handed down to him. He spends much of his spare time studying and tinkering with them. Another interesting aspect of this collection is the historical value of the guns. He has several flintlock guns, reminiscent of Colonial America, four Civil War pistols, and several guns used in World War I.

Mike Weesner collects snakes. Mike has been pursuing this un-

Hobbies Occupy Leisure Time



Studying a Winchester 72 from the gun collection of John Franklin are Edgar Uden, Albert Wheeler, Kent Hamilton, Fred Wright, John Franklin, Mike Weesner, Sam Pickering, and Lionel Barrett.

usual hobby for about a year. This past summer he worked at the Children's Museum and in return for his services they have been giving him snakes. He has a boa constrictor and a water snake at the museum. At home he has a corn snake, a king snake, a garter snake, and a hog-nosed snake. Mike feeds his snakes insects, with the exception of the boa constrictor, which is fed mice.

Another hobby closely aligned with nature is the tropical fish collection of Sam Pickering. Although he has been collecting fish approximately a year, he already has some fifteen varieties. Perhaps the most interesting variety of fish in Sam's collection is the Beta, or Siamese fighting fish, which has the strange custom of constantly warring with other members of the specie. For their own protection they must be in a special aquarium having glass partitions.

Lionel Barrett has a large collection of arrowheads. Lionel became interested in this through a friend in Knoxville. Lionel has been collecting arrowheads for about three years and in this span of time he has acquired more than seven hundred. He finds most of them around Columbia in freshly plowed fields. Some of his arrowheads are estimated to be eight to ten thousand years old. Lionel won first place in his division this year at the Boy's Hobby Fair. Not only does he collect arrowheads, but he also has such Indian relics as axes, horn grinders, and paint pots.

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Caleb Wallwork Wins Voice of Democracy Contest for School

As a result of themes written by the seniors concerning American democracy, the compositions of Caleb Wallwork, Wade Elam, George Sloan, and Bob Marks were recorded on tape for presentation in assembly as part of the nation-wide Voice of Democracy Contest. After the four themes, all of which excellently portrayed American democracy, were heard, the faculty selected Caleb Wallwork as the winner and picked Wade Elam for second place. The speeches were judged on the basis of 40 points for originality, 40 points for content, and 20 points for delivery.

As the winner in our school competition, Caleb represented MBA in the city-wide Voice of Democracy Contest, in which he took second place and received a twenty-five dollar bond.

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Hi-Y Convention Held In Nashville

"You Make Christ Alive" was the theme of the 1956 Hi-Y—Tri-Y convention held November 9-11 at Hillsboro High School. Sponsored by the Hillsboro Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs, the convention was a smoothly run, well directed affair. Approximately 150 boys and girls from Middle and West Tennessee attended the opening session on Saturday, November 10.

Registration took place on the evening of the 9th and the first session began at 9 A.M. on the 10th when Jerry Evans opened the convention and all announcements were made. The theme, an acrostic on the letters Y.M.C.A. was explained and elaborated. Following this the morning session adjourned and enrollees attended their respective workshops.

These workshops, four in number, had been prepared by various clubs in the district. The time schedules were set up so as to enable each person to attend two different workshops between 9:30 and 10:45. The topics for the discussions were in keeping with the general theme. They included, "You Make Christ Alive in (1) the Family, (2) the School, (3) Your Co-ed Relations, (4) Your Community." The "Community" discussion was led by Jodie Wallace and Rollin Lasseter of MBA.

Lunch was then served in the Hillsboro cafeteria. A blessing and thanksgiving was offered by Jodie Wallace and the conventioners partook of a fine dinner. At the afternoon business session the plans for next year were discussed and the election of officers took place. Bill Barr from our school was elected district chaplain.

That evening a banquet was held for the delegates and the new officers were presented. Following this all the delegates were the guests of the Hillsboro Tri-Hi-Y at the Hillsboro Friendship dance.

Sunday morning the last convention gathering was held at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. These services were a fitting spiritual close to the 1956 convention.

Forensic Club Holds Christmas Banquet

Meeting at the Highland Crest Restaurant for their Christmas banquet, the Forensic Club sat down to a dinner of Southern fried chicken. Monday, December 3, was the day and 6:30 p.m. the hour. V.P. Wade Elam started the evening's program as soon as the meal was completed. He introduced the toastmaster, Mr. C. L. McLafferty of General Shoe Corp. Mr. McLafferty, a member of Nashville's Toastmaster's Club, showed how one of their meetings is carried on and how to provide the best entertainment at a banquet. After a few remarks he called on four of the club members for impromptu talks. Ben Mayes, Ransom White, Tommy Murphree, and Ira Parker were all thus honored. Especially enjoyable were Ransom's talk on "How to Win at Cards," and Ben Mayes' "How to Make Friends With the Faculty."

To change the mood of the evening, Mr. McLafferty called on Walter Bearden and Rollin Lasseter to present a debate on the issue, "Should the U.S. have aided or abetted the Hungarian revolt?" Brad Reed and Jodie Wallace then evaluated the two talks, constructively criticizing each. Bill Barr was called on to point out the grammatical errors of each talk.

Mr. McLafferty brought the evening to a close and the banquet was dismissed at 8:30 p.m.

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